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In re application : Marinus Frans van der Maas
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AND A FILTER
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AMENDMENT

Via Electronic Filing
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2009, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

Please **amend** the Specification as shown beginning at page 3, *infra*.

Please **replace** Figure 3 with the attached Replacement Sheet.

Please **amend** claims 1, 4-7, 12, 14, 16, 29, and 31; and **cancel** claims 3, 8-10, 13, and 15 without prejudice as shown in the Status of the Claims section beginning at page 5, *infra*. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matters contained in claims 3, 8, 9, and 10 (now canceled). The dependency of claims 4-7 has been changed from claim 3 (now canceled) to claim 1. The dependency of claim 12 has been changed from claim 10 (now canceled) to claim 1. Claims 14 and 16 have been re-written in

independent form, respectively, to include the subject matters contained in claims 1, 3, and 13 and the subject matters contained in claims 1, 3, and 15. Independent claims 29 and 31 have been amended to depend from claim 1.